

LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health
October 11, 2016

I. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Health was called to order at 5:07 PM by Craig Strong at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department. Members Present: Bill Avery, James Michael Bowers, Alan Doster, Katie Garcia, Jane Raybould, Molly Burton (ex-officio), Dave Derbin (ex-officio), Tim Sieh (ex-officio), and Craig Strong.

Members Absent: Jackie Miller, Michelle Petersen, and Tom Randa.

Staff Present: Judy Halstead, Steve Beal, Charlotte Burke, Tim Timmons, Gwendy Meginnis, Scott Holmes, Kodi Bonesteel, Chris Schroeder, Kathy Cook and Elaine Walsh.

Others Present: Nancy Hicks.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Col. Strong asked if there were any corrections to the Agenda.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould that the Agenda be approved as printed. Second by Mr. Avery. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Col. Strong asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould that the September 13, 2016 Minutes be approved as printed. Second by Mr. Avery. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Health Director Update

Ms. Halstead expressed her thanks and appreciation to Ms. Burke and the Health Department staff for all of their work in preparing the documentation for the accreditation process. The Department's application documentation was submitted to the Public Health Accreditation Board on October 7, 2016.

Ms. Halstead announced the Environmental Leadership Awards Breakfast is scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at Innovation Campus. Board of Health members are invited to attend the Awards Breakfast.

The November Board of Health meeting is scheduled for November 8, 2016 – Election Day. She stated the Election Commission is utilizing the Health

Department as a community polling place.

Ms. Halstead expressed her thanks and appreciation to Ms. Raybould and Mr. Avery for all of their good work on the budget for FY 2016-2018.

Ms. Halstead stated the Nebraska Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee is conducting an Interim Study - LR517 regarding the sustainability of the Health Care Cash Fund. She distributed information on what programs are funded through the Health Care Cash Fund.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS (Action items)

A. Proposed Revisions to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulations and Standards Article 1, Section 6: Fees

Ms. Halstead provided background information on the Title V Air Pollution Program and stated the Program is completely fee funded with the remainder of our programs funded with a combination of fees and federal grant dollars. The Program's budget for FY2017 is \$820,574 and \$830,230 for FY18. The annual emission fees come from 90-95 sources in Lincoln and Lancaster County. Nebraska Public Power's Sheldon Station at Hallam, a coal fired power plant, is the largest source. In 2015, NPPD emitted 6,560 tons and paid \$544,129 in emission fees. Due to increased regulations for sulfur dioxide emissions and market forces, they only emitted 1,054 tons during the first half of 2016, greatly reducing the emission fees they would pay. The reduction in emissions is due to lower requests for power. She stated the proposed fee increases add specific language to the Air Pollution Control Regulations and Standards related to coal-fired power plants and NPPD would pay a flat fee of \$500,000 in 2016 and \$500,000 in 2017. She stated Monolith, a new company locating in Lincoln, will partner with NPPD to work with them as they will convert one of their units to burn hydrogen instead of coal. Monolith will use electricity to extract carbon from natural gas. Byproducts of the process are hydrogen and water, and Monolith will sell the hydrogen produced to NPPD as fuel. This will also reduce their emissions. She stated Nebraska Public Power officials are in agreement with the flat fee for 2016 and 2017 and values the relationship with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department's Title V Air Program. Health Department staff will be looking at the Program over the next year to determine options to address the reduced funding for the Program.

She stated the Air Pollution Control Advisory Board also reviewed and approved the proposed fee increases.

Mr. Schroeder reviewed the proposed changes for the emission fees for major sources, generators, sources of hazardous air pollutants, asbestos and emergency electrical generator construction permits. Staff are proposing a 3% increase for these fees.

Motion: Moved by Ms. Raybould that the Board of Health approve the revisions to the Lincoln-Lancaster County Air Pollution Control Program Regulations and Standards Article 1, Section 6: Fees and forward them to the Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Commissioners for review and approval. Second by Dr.

Doster. Motion carried by a 6-0 roll call vote.

V. CURRENT BUSINESS (Information Items)

A. Healthy Families Home Visiting: Benchmark Changes

Ms. Bonesteel provided a video about the Healthy Families Home Visiting Program. The video included staff members and interactions with their clients. She provided information on the new federal benchmarks that started on October 1, 2016. Staff worked to redesign templates in the electronic health record and dashboard applications to assure inclusion of the federal benchmark data changes. The Home Visitation Program is a collaboration between CEDARS Youth Services and the Health Department. The Program must show measurable improvement among the families participating in the Program. The Home Visiting Program is accredited and also meets the standards of the Healthy Families America Program.

B. Pedestrians/Bicycles Sharing the Sidewalk

Ms. Burke provided an update on the proposed ordinance revisions regarding riding bicycles on sidewalks. She stated Lincoln is a bicycle enthusiastic community noting bicycle trail use continues to increase and the new N Street Cycle Path now carries nearly 400 bicyclists per day. Lincoln and Nebraska are each ranked #1 in the Latest National Bicycle Challenge. The proposed ordinance revisions address bicyclists in the downtown area, distance between bicycles, right turns, right of way bicycles same as pedestrians, bicycles on sidewalks and careless and reckless bicycle riding.

She stated bicycles are not allowed on sidewalks in the Downtown Lincoln area, Havelock Avenue from 61st to 63rd and Prescott Avenue in the Union College area. Skateboards and scooters will be allowed on sidewalks. The proposed revisions will be considered by the City Council.

B. Hazardous Waste Facility Update

Ms. Halstead provided an update on the Hazardous Waste Facility which will be located at the North 48th Street Landfill Transfer Station. Funding for the facility comes from the Nebraska Environmental Trust, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and the City's Capital Improvement Funds. She provided a map of the location and blueprints for the facility. The architect is Design Associates of Lincoln and the contractor is Ironhide Construction. Ground was broken on October 3, 2016 and it is hoped construction will be completed by the end of April, 2017 and the facility operational by August, 2017. Plans are for existing staff to staff the facility on a part-time basis. Initial plans are for appointment only disposals. She stated the Department still plans to conduct some household hazardous waste collections for south Lincoln and Lancaster County residents.

VII. FUTURE BUSINESS

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – November 8, 2016 at 5:00 PM

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Elaine Walsh
Recording Secretary

Jacquelyn Miller
Vice-President